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National News

by Robert N. Taylor

Black husbands, wives killing at equal rates

According to a recently released Justice Department study on domestic violence, African-American husbands and wives are killing each other at relatively equal rates. The study found that in 53 percent of cases, it was the husband who killed the wife while in the remaining 47 percent, the wife killed the husband. These percentages stand in contrast to those for white couples where nearly 70 percent of homicides involve the husband killing the wife. The report also revealed that women are more likely than men to kill their children. In fact, killing children is the only homicide category in which women kill at a higher rate than men. Interesting, when parents kill, men were about equally likely to kill a son or a daughter, but women were much more likely to kill a son than a daughter. The study "Murder in Families" was based on an analysis of 8,000 homicides in 75 metropolitan areas.—WASHINGTON, DC

Studies suggest blacks eat more fruits & vegetables

A series of recent studies suggests it is strongly advisable that American blacks add more fruits and vegetables to their diets. A four year study published last week in the New England Journal of Medicine found that vitamins C, B and beta carotene found in fruits and vegetables significantly reduced the risks for certain types of cancers while the high fat content of many "soul" food diets raised those risks. (Continued on page 3)

Velvet Miller to head NJ Medicaid Program

by Paul Joseph

Velvet Miller of Jersey City has been appointed to head New Jersey's Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services.

Velvet G. Miller, 48, a nurse, and former assistance commissioner with the department of public health and public welfare in Massachusetts and New York, will move into the top health office on August 8 and receive a \$90,000 annual salary.

Miller will manage the state's \$4.2 billion Medicaid program comprising of some 630,000 low-income, elderly and disabled. New Jersey's health program ranks seventh in the nation, and it is considering a two-year plan to move nearly 400,000 Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.

"I am very excited and very respectful of the responsibilities that I will undertake," Miller said. She added that she is looking forward to working with the current commissioner William Waldman and DMAHS staff.

Under Miller, the Medicaid program might face dramatic changes in its 24-year existence. Growing interest in managed health care, national health reform, skyrocketing expenses, increasing demand for services and fewer tax dollars available are some of the issues Miller will tackle once in office.

"I believe that we have to move forward, make the program work smarter and still maintain our compassion for the people who need our services," she said. Miller stated that whatever the plan of action she plans to be fiscally responsible. "We intend to do good for the people of the state," she said.

Miller said that she has a consistent commitment to provide health care for society's most vulnerable and that she plans to include the public in decision making processes. "It's important to ask the people what they want and what does not. I am committed to keeping in touch with all aspects of folks in the program," she stated.

by Paul Joseph

A coalition of Essex County clergymen stepped down from its pulpit and took to Newark streets to demand East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper be given the Democratic nomination for Essex County Executive in the upcoming November elections. The rally started on the steps of Newark City Hall where the Reverend Reginald Jackson, Chairman of the United Clergy of the Oranges, made clear to an estimated crowd of up to 500 that "we were not going to take it anymore." Jackson added that the gathering was beyond politics and that "we are here to see that justice is done."

Referring to African American political officials, Jackson said that they have hidden themselves in the silence of the clergy. He said that Black officials should let their constituents know where they stand on issues affecting their communities. "For too long the church has been silenced, for too long," Jackson said.

In a prepared statement Newark mayor Sharpe James commented, "We welcome those from East Orange, Orange and the County of Essex who feel the need to host a peaceful demonstration on the steps of Newark City Hall, to draw attention to the recent Democratic Primary Election for Essex County Executive. ... Those present today should spare the community from acts of hypocrisy and double talk. It should be clear to everyone that when Mayor Cardell Cooper decided to support New Jersey Senator Richard Codey over an African-American candidate, Mayor Bob Brown of Orange, and when Mr. Cooper



Essex County residents in support of justice for Mayor Cardell Cooper in obtaining the County Executive position.

Photo: Felicia Owens

chose not to support Newark councilman-at-large Dr. Ralph T. Grant, Jr., an African American, for Sheriff, in favor of a non African American candidate, he was not criticized, but respected for his decision to support the candidates of his choice. We, in Newark expect no lesser or greater respect for our right to exercise our better judgement, as well.

"We think something smells in Essex County," said Vic De Luca, head of Citizens United to Reform Essex County. "We believe that Cardell Cooper is the best candidate. It is his right to talk about democracy in Newark, Black and white, Middle East when we can't get it in

Essex County," he added.

The group proceeded to the Peter Rodino Federal Building and finally to the New Point Baptist Church on East Kinney Street. There, the Reverend Raiford Wheeler of the Park Avenue Christian Church addressed the crowded church.

He said that the clergy has been attacked by several officials who claimed that they have been dividing the black community. They have been accused of being pawns of Cardell Cooper. Wheeler stated that the gathering was for the pursuit of justice and fairness in all elections.

"We have gathered tonight in the pursuit of justice and fairness. What we are gathered

here for is much greater than Cardell Cooper. It's not about blacks against whites. "Wheeler said. "Justice is supposed to be color blind. Justice is supposed to ensure the integrity of the electoral process. Justice is not 'supposed to be manipulated and controlled. We gather here tonight because justice has been corrupted and manipulated," he said.

Wheeler went on to accuse the Democratic Party of seeking to "take by theft and deception the election victory of Cardell Cooper" in a bid to try to hold power while avoiding the choices of the people. "They are seeking to disenfranchise the rights of voters

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Patti LaBelle receives keys to Newark and East Orange

by Paul Joseph

Recording superstar Patti LaBelle gave Renaissance City residents a special treat in a two-day sellout concert tour at Newark's Symphony Hall last week.

The New Friends of Symphony Hall, a group dedicated to preserving the great hall, sponsored a reception in honor of the legendary diva, where she was warmly greeted by both public officials and private citizens.

The gracious LaBelle thanked the crowd for their great warmth and said that she would not have missed coming to Newark for anything in the world. She added that many have asked her why she was performing in Newark. She replied simply "win win." She stated that the world does not give Newark a fair chance and that they are always downgrading Newark.

"It's not fair. I just want you to know

that I love Newark. Whenever you need me just call on me."

On hand to welcome the Grammy award winner was Councilwoman Mildred Crump. She presented LaBelle with a resolution to the city cleverly worded with titles of her past hit records. Crump stated that she never thought she would one day be standing inches away from the woman who sang one of her favorite songs, "On My Own."

"It feels great standing next to a living legend."

Newark Mayor Sharpe James and East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper presented LaBelle with keys to their cities. James told the diva she was a beautiful person and "a star in her own rights." He also joked that LaBelle is the only songstress that can bring a crowd to its feet with her rendition of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

"Judy Garland introduced *Over the Rainbow*, Barbra Streisand messed it up. If you



Mayors Cooper and James present songstress Patti LaBelle with keys to the cities of East Orange and Newark.

Photo: Felicia Owens

want to cry, have Patti LaBelle sing it to you. She's been a star that captivated audiences all over the world. We are proud to have her

here with us." Cooper stated that LaBelle was not only a great singer and activist but also dignity.

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Crump commands respect for women

by Natalie Bernard

Mildred Crump cracked the political glass ceiling of the Newark Municipal Council, providing a voice for African American women.

As council member-at-large, Crump said that the job did not come easily. She stated that her rigorous campaign was not about self but the empowerment of African American women in the political front.

Since early 80's, Crump, mother of two, had been running for a seat on the City Council. "I started campaigning the day after I lost the election in 1982. I was very distressed, and I felt that there was a lack of respect for women in the political arena," she said.

Throughout her years of campaigning, Crump stated that the community never lost faith in her and still treated her with respect. "Even though we never won, we never really lost because the community still treated me like I was on the City Council," she said.

Since the first day she was elected, Crump said her office was running in its full capacity because the community placed a lot of con-



Councilwoman Mildred Crump

Photo: Felicia Owens

fidence and faith in her ability to run the office.

Crump moved to Newark 30 years ago from Detroit and worked as a brilliant teacher and educational consultant for the state of New Jersey Division for the Blind. Through legislative efforts, Crump plans to address the issues of the handicapped and elderly.

Crump said that her umbrella goal is to provide continued service to the people of Newark. She wants to educate the public and provide information for self-empowerment.

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Quintana: a voice for the Hispanic community

by Natalie Bernard

Immigrating to the United States at the age of seven, Louis Quintana never thought he would grow up to be the first Hispanic councilman-at-large in his community.

Established by the Newark riots of 1967, Quintana had a rough transition into the American culture where he witnessed brutal assaults inflicted on the residents. He could not speak English or understand what was happening in the town and the school system only lead him astray.

"I was angry and bitter at the system, coming from a broken home with no father, but I learned to make my anger my success."

According to Quintana, during the Puerto Rican Convention of 1970, the citizens came together to place minority voices on the map of Newark.

"Twenty-four years we (Hispanics) have waited to have a voice in the city government and to make history. I was proud that I was part of history. I saw the first African-American female and I am honored to be the first Hispanic Councilman-at-Large. Now, the city is whole."

He described his campaign as "a race won for all the people." He stated that "not only did



Councilman Louis Quintana

Photo: Felicia Owens

the Spanish community come together to support him but also the African-American community. "The Hispanic and the African-American clergy were very instrumental in my campaign," he said.

Although there is tremendous pressure on him, he is determined to keep involving the community. He intends to make his position on the city council a full-time job rather than a part-time job while insuring integrity and honesty to the citizens of Newark.

As a graduate of Bannock High School and Seton Hall University, Quintana intends to promote higher education through training programs, apprenticeships and internships.

Community Calendar

NOW THRU AUG. 31

UNION COUNTY—The 1994 Summer Arts Festival will be held at Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountain side border. Held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The schedule is filled with a wide array of music to most tastes. For more info call 908-527-4900. Bring a chair or a blanket. FREE.

AUGUST 5-7

SOMERSET—"I Am..." Academy presents a Great Escape Mini Spa Retreat for women of African ancestry and/or women who want to learn more about Afrocentric leadership at the Radisson Hotel. Day care is available. For more info call 908-699-0305.

NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 4

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Museum with the Association of Public Libraries English artist Dorothy Douglas on exhibit. For more info call 609-292-6308.

NOW THRU AUGUST 4

PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volunteers of America will have a Basic Reading Tutor Reading Workshop Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All workshops will be held at the Plainfield Public Library Meeting Room. For more info call 908-755-7998.

NOW THRU AUGUST 15

WESTFIELD—Women for Women of Union County has moved to the Westfield Presbyterian Church on Mountain Ave. They will host a weekly summer drop-in program which is a self-help group for women to share feelings and gain support. For more info call 908-233-5787.

JULY 11 - AUG. 15

PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America will host a workshop entitled "English as a Second Language at the Public Library. All sessions are on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 908-755-7998.

NOW THRU AUGUST 15

WEST NEW YORK—Hudson County Community College offers counseling for new students who wish to apply for admission or need information for the fall semester from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-714-5093.

AUGUST 3

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Ocean County String Band will be at Echo Lake Park at 7:30 p.m. Raindate will be at Cranford High School. For more info call after 3:00 p.m. 908-352-8410.

Dr. Eva Evans named head of AKA Inc.

Dr. Eva B. Evans, deputy superintendent of the Lansing, Michigan public schools, has been named the new chief executive of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA), Inc., America's first

Greek-lettered organization for black women. Her position was announced at the organization's 56th national convention.

As part of the seven-day event, AKA also burned \$3.3 million mortgage on its international headquarters, donated \$50,000 to the United Negro College Fund, awarded \$40,000 in scholarships, showcased award-winning programs, presented biennial and annual awards, and inducted new members.

Dr. Evans was a board of directors member, national committee chairman, and chapter officer prior to her election as AKA's first vice president in July, 1990. She holds a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, and master's and doctorate degrees from Michigan State University.

Dr. Eva B. Evans

Crump commands respect

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Making certain that the office voices and resolves the citizens problems is also one of Crump's goals.

One of her first revisions is to administer night hours at City Hall. Therefore, those who work during the day will have equal opportunity to address their problems and concerns.

"Student's should be learning maximum skills instead of minimum skills," said Crump. She plans to voice her views by sitting on the policy planning committee for the board of education.

Education is the anchor around which everything else operates," she said.

"Without a good education you can not pursue college or a post-secondary training program or get a job that requires decisions making," she continued.

She also aims to increase the economic development in Newark by helping small business and entrepreneurs to provide employment opportunities for others.

Next summer, Crump intends to host internships for Newark students studying political science so that they can understand that governing is different from what is in the text book.

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NEWARK—This past year, Newark residents Catherine Mitchell and Peggy Groark took time from their lunch breaks, twice a week, to rehearse with the Bloomfield College Joybells, a seven-women performing group with English handbells as their only instruments. Throughout the year, the Joybells visited nursing homes, hospitals and schools in the Bloomfield area, bringing music of cheer and encouragement to residents. Recently, the group gave its final performances of the year at Parkview Nursing Home and Colonial Sheltered Care, both in Bloomfield. Individuals interested in joining the Joybells can call Byrte Johnson at 201-748-9000 ext. 550. L.A. members of the Joybells: Jackie Schopfer of Bloomfield, Sarah Jackson of Montclair, and Catherine Mitchell and Peggy Groark of Newark.

Philip Tobias named firefighter delegate to the U.K.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield resident and fire inspector, Philip P. Tobias has been appointed to the United Kingdom and Ireland as a delegate of a professional exchange program for the International Association of Arson Investigators.

The program which is scheduled for the fall, is a means to provide opportunities for the North American fire and arson investigators, attorneys, law enforcement officers, forensic scientists, insurance industry personnel, educators, engineers, and members of the criminal justice system to meet with their professional counterparts in the U.K. and Ireland.

Tobias is a member of the Union County Arson Investigation Unit, and a professional firefighter. In 1982, he was assigned to the Bureau

of Fire Prevention as an Inspector within the Fire Division.

Tobias is seeking grants, donations and any available funding which would help him with \$5,000 needed to participate in this program. For donations call Philip Tobias at 908-753-3446.



Firefighter delegate to U.K. Philip Tobias.

Charles '21' Johnson honored for dedicated service

by Ronald Strothers



Charles Johnson

Charles Johnson, popularly known as "21," was honored for his years of dedication to students and his profession on Saturday, June 25 at a picnic on the Cleveland School playground in Newark.

Johnson came to Cleveland School in the mid-fifties and has taught science and math and served as a guidance counselor. It was the reputation he built as Director of Recreation, however, that made him a local luminary.

By the early sixties, the Cleveland gym had become established as a basketball fortress with competition second to none in the county. To insiders it was known as "The Salt Mine."

"The Salt Mine" has produced the athletes, including Ex-NBA players Cleo Hill, Al Attles, Rich Glover, and many of whom have gone on to success away from the hardwood.

Johnson acquired the name "21" from the baseball diamond. He would use the phrase, "Twenty-one Black Jack," as a reference to the baseball maverick, Jackie Robinson when teaching youngsters about baseball.

In 1948, he was the first African American to integrate the Headquarters Company 50th Armored Division of the New Jersey National Guard.

The Cleveland's of the world are extinct, and today's Salt Mines cater more to the "I wanna be like Mike" mania than to the "I want to learn basketball plus learn life" world of Johnson's Cleveland.

The 21's of the world show us there is hope. It may seem that the Charles Johnsons of the world are extinct. They are not. They are around.

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

Save your own life!

Practically every problem that we have can be reduced or, even, eliminated with a few relatively simple steps. We have the capability of controlling our own lives, yet we allow other people or things to control us. Well, stop being scared! Take back the power to save your own life. Here's how:

Stop being scared to take a chance. Get on with it. Introduce yourself to one new person each day. Take a course. Ask for a raise. Set up that job interview. Get some exercise. Stop eating fats and sweets. Get your college degree or GED. Whatever it is that you want, go after it now—not next week, not next year—now.

Give it another try. And another and another. Don't stop trying. If you introduce yourself to someone and they don't respond properly, no problem. Just introduce yourself to another person and another and another. Eventually someone will enthusiastically become your friend. Whatever you do, keep trying until you get what you want. Do not let a failure stop you.

Don't blame yourself if you don't get what you want. You might have to introduce yourself to 25 people in order to find one good friend. But that one receptive person means that you are a success. You may have to go to 25 job interviews until you get the job that you want. When you do get the job, label yourself a success!

Never give up. Never give in. Never throw in the towel. Never quit. But most of all, never call yourself a failure. Stop saying, "I can't do it." The truth is that you can do it—if you try hard enough. You may have to fall down and pick yourself up 10 times before you get what you want. But that makes you tough, tenacious, indomitable. Not a failure. The only thing that guarantees failure is quitting. The tougher it becomes to get what you want, the tougher that you must become in your effort to get it.

Throw failure out of your mind like a sack of garbage. Stop, stop, stop thinking about failure. If you have a job interview and don't get the job, forget about it. Toss it out of your mind. Think only about your next job interview. If you fail to get that job, block it from your mind. Do not re-live past unhappy events. Never let them influence what you do in the future. Some of the most famous, wealthiest people have failed over and over again. They put the failure out of their minds and kept moving ahead. Eventually, they succeeded.

Think only about the successes and other good things from your past. Even the small good things. When you have nothing else to think about, fill your mind with only happiness and success. No matter what unpleasant things have happened to you, block them out. Think only about the good.

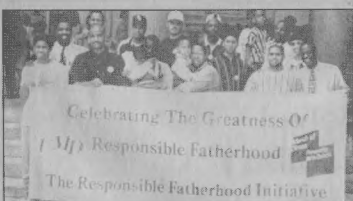
Be aware of how your behavior will affect the feelings of the other people with whom you come into contact before you do it. If you think that what you are going to do will hurt the feelings of the other person, don't do it. Be sensitive. Wouldn't you want the other person to treat you the same way?

Stop putting yourself into competition with everyone else. Stop feeling bad if someone does something that you cannot do. Most of all, stop criticizing yourself simply because someone does something better than you. You are able to do many things far better than other people.

Don't get angry so easily. Be patient and tolerant with the faults of other people. Treat them the way that you would like to be treated.

Do it now! Put this column to use right now, at this very moment. Don't wait. Don't waste time talking. Get started. Write me and let me know how you are doing.

Dr. Charles Faulkner, City News, P.O. Box 1174, Plainfield, NJ 07060.



PINE BROOK—Pictured on the steps of The State Capitol in Trenton, at a recently rally sponsored by the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative, are fathers in the UMDNJ Young Father's Program. The "Rally For Responsible Fatherhood" kicked off a week of activities promoting the significance of the father's role, as well as the changing role of the father. Increasing evidence suggests that fathers have a larger impact on the health and birth of their unborn babies. For information on the UMDNJ Young Father's Program, call 201-882-5531.



National News

by Robert N. Taylor
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... risks. Another recent study (from the Centers for Disease Control) found that black women are the group in America most likely to be overweight. Experts believe that cutting back on land-animal meats and increasing consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as fish will also help combat the problem of obesity—

ATLANTA, GA.
Drug sentencing set for Surgeon General's son

An August 23rd sentencing date has been set for the son of Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders. Kevin Elders was recently convicted of selling \$275 worth of cocaine to a undercover police officer. For that offense he would get as much as 10 years in prison. Elders created a national controversy earlier this year when she suggested that the nation's legalization of drugs. She said, "I do feel it would markedly reduce our crime rate if drugs are legalized." Others have argued that the war against drugs unfairly targets blacks and that the sentences are completely out of proportion to the seriousness of the crime. The prosecutor says he will seek a 10-year sentence in the Elders case—

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
National black wealth conference to be held in Indianapolis

A conference designed to show blacks how to build personal and group wealth takes place Saturday, August 20 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The all-day seminar is part of a series of black wealth building conferences taking place in cities throughout the nation this summer. Spokesman James Nathan says the seminar will cover topics ranging from starting home-based businesses and making profitable investments to making money in the 900-number industry and building wealth through low-money-down real estate purchasing techniques. Persons interested in attending the conference can receive registration material by calling 800-748-1821—INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Mfume's son arrested on rape charge

Michael Mfume, son of Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Kweisi Mfume, is free on bail this week after being arrested on a charge of raping a woman in the Atlanta area after date. The older Mfume would only say, "I believe he will be found innocent." The younger Mfume denies the charge. No information was released about the woman who made the allegation—ATLANTA, GA.

Rick James goes to jail

Soul and "funk" singer Rick James was sentenced to five years in prison last week after a judge rejected a plea to re-enter a drug rehabilitation center. The 46-year-old James had been found guilty of holding a woman against her will and forcing her to perform sex acts with another woman during a five-day drug binge. James could be released in as little as two years. His most famous hit was the 1981 song "Superfreak"—LOS ANGELES, CA.

Oprah Winfrey stays number one in talk show line-up

According to the latest Louis Harris poll, Oprah Winfrey is America's favorite talk-show host. She had a popularity rating nearly twice that of the show which came in second place—David Letterman. This is the third consecutive year that Winfrey has placed first among talk-show hosts. However, the Winfrey-type show has come in for criticism recently. Two Penn State University researchers say the talk-shows are harming America by paying too much attention to deviant behavior—CHICAGO, ILL.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Haiti: we've been there before

by William Reed

Pressure has mounted for President Clinton to send a military expedition to Haiti. Black activists are leading the charge for combat on the Caribbean island 600 miles from U.S. shores. And Haiti's military leaders have threatened their noses at the international community by throwing out United Nations appointed human rights monitors.

Jesse Jackson says, "The military option of invasion must become more than what President Clinton has said it is - an option. It must strongly, firmly and in no uncertain terms, be made clear to the anti-democratic leaders in Haiti that they have only two choices - get out or be taken out."

New York Congressional Black Caucus member Rep. Major Owens has said, "Maybe the President will have the guts to stand up to bring the illegal terrorist government of Haiti down." Led by the Black Caucuses, Trans-Africa and civil rights executives, Haiti, and how to remove the military leaders there, has become African Americans' leading issue and at the top of blacks' foreign policy agenda.

Although blacks overwhelmingly support an invasion, the majority of Americans do not. Many people are voicing concern about U.S. military intervention in light of America's

past interactions with Haiti. In 1804, after black Haitians had conducted the first successful slave revolt in the Western Hemisphere against the French, President Thomas Jefferson greeted these freed blacks victory by sending navy ships to make a blockade against them that lasted for over 60 years. This economic blockade, similar to the one that the US has in place around Haiti currently, is in the opinion of many, what led to Haiti being the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Eighty years ago, in 1915, the immediate grounds for US intervention in Haiti was because of "A collapse of public order in Port-au-Prince," but in reality Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan sent really the troops to protect white-owned property on the island. After then President Woodrow Wilson, dispatched the Marines to Haiti, it took 19 years before they were able to leave.

The Haitian military toika, made up of Army Commander Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby, who is army chief of staff, and Lt. Col. Michel Francois, the police chief of Port-au-Prince and that region's military commanders, has solidified their hold on the armed forces and has no plans to give in or step aside, according to diplomats and sources among the relief agencies in the country.

In recent weeks, in addition to ordering out the civilian mission to monitor and document human rights abuses, Gen. Cedras has promoted several of his mid-rank supporters, visited key barracks in the capital to arrest troops that the US would not invade, and most importantly, made sure the rank and file continue to be paid, despite the economic crisis the country is facing. Biamby recently visited army barracks outside the capital and orchestrated officer rotations in the provinces, ensuring that the outlying regiments remain loyal. "I understand Clinton has to speak to two audiences, the Haitian military and the US public. But what is perceived here is that Clinton is sending the same mixed signals. Bush did," said a Haitian analyst.

Joint U.N. Organization of American States special envoy Dante Caputo called the expulsion of monitors, an "outrageous decision," a "provocation" and an "insult." Diplomats who monitor the military, and Haitian businessmen who deal with it, said that the senior leadership continues to view US policy as inconsistent, and hence does not feel threatened, and they've served notice that anyone in the country recommending that the US invade would be "dealt with severely." Stateside, Black Caucus Chairman Kwasi Mfume is calling Clinton's policies "inconsistent," and although black

White House advisor on Haiti, William Gray, says that "The military option is still on the table." CIA analysts have made it clear that any action that has the goal of re-establishing Jean Bertrand Aristide as president and introducing true democracy will require a long-term commitment of troops in Haiti.

Miller to head Medicaid program

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She added that poverty and sex often determine the kinds of health care one receives. Miller said that research has proven that women and minorities are given less health care, coverage and insurance. She said that she would work toward changing that aspect of the nation's health system. "I believe in working towards an equitable health care system," Miller ended.

Prior to her appointment, Miller was partner in the Davis Miller Group, Jersey City health consulting firm which she ran with her husband, Calvin E. Davis. In 1991, she served as an assistant and associate in the department of public health and welfare under Massachusetts Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis.

Between 1986 and 1988, she served in the state of New York as an assistant commissioner in the Department of Social Services in the Mario Cuomo Administration. She directed a staff of 56 and managed the state's \$9 billion Medicaid program. Miller is a graduate of Wagner College, Staten Island, and holds a Master's of Education Degree from Temple University in Philadelphia. She received a Master's of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She is currently a Few Doctoral Fellow Ph.D. candidate at Boston University.

Teachers to be honored

NEW BRUNSWICK—Teachers and representatives of Boards of Education in Trenton, Elizabeth and Newark will receive certificates of recognition from the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education during the New Jersey's Summer Arts Institute (SAI) final celebration held at the George Street Playhouse on Friday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and will include dance, music, theatre, writing, visual and communication arts presentations. For additional information call 908-220-1600.

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EDITORIAL

Newark-Elizabeth Rail Great for Union County and Plainfield

NJ TRANSIT has recently completed a study of light rail transit system options that would provide links to Newark, Elizabeth, Union County and major downtown centers in Newark and Elizabeth. The study also makes recommendations for transfers with the regional rail network; accessibility to potential development sites in Newark and Elizabeth; and improved downtown transit distribution service from regional commuter rail stations in the corridor.

As an "inner city" reader and an educator I commend your exceptional new publication, *Heartbeat*. It meets, in my view, a long-standing community need in the vital area of public health.

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letters to the Editor

'Inner City' reader responds

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Julian Robinson

Too quick to walk away

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

As the parent of six children ranging in age from 13 to 28-years-old, I have always guided myself by one principle, "always do the best I can."

My best may not be good enough for my children. (Although it should be) but I never want to look in the mirror and feel I did anything less than my best. Whether it involves tangibles such as providing good housing, food, clothing and schooling or intangibles such as love, caring, understanding, providing a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen or imparting moral teachings and lessons and providing discipline.

Abandoning children will wreck more havoc on the psyche of Mrs. W. than on her children. The children will adjust to abandonment probably by turning to the very peers that are now adversely influencing them. Mrs. W. will be plagued by a guilty conscience for life.

Furthermore, any attempt by her in the future at reconciliation will be an uphill battle. Her children will probably not want anything to do with someone who abandoned them when they needed her most.

Having gone through the struggle of raising children, I sympathize with her frustration, especially when she feels she is already doing her best.

However, expediency rarely works. Instead, I would advise her to speak with someone she trusts and respects such as a teacher, preacher, counselor or good friend. Probably someone who has had similar experiences as hers.

Solutions to these types of problems are rarely easy, but they all involve love, patience, understanding, discipline and time. Perhaps extreme solutions such as moving away from the area where the insidious influence of the gang exists might be considered.

Good luck to Mrs. W.—and may she always be able to live with herself for the decision she makes.

Mrs. J

Jersey City

by Connie Woodruff

Less than a month after they were elected, Newark city council members have passed a resolution "adjusting" the salaries of the mayor and council members.

As of January 1, 1995 the following increases will go into effect: Mayor James' salary will be increased from \$86,741.00 to \$110,705.96. All councilmen currently paid \$37,655.19 will receive \$50,461.58. The salaries of part-time workers and the president of the municipal council will go from \$42,497.50 to \$55,610.73. The council presidency is also a part-time job.

The council took the action to increase salaries after it was made known that state aid to the city would be reduced from \$15 million to \$6 million dollars, and before they knew whether or not their waiver on the state cap regulating annual spending would be granted.

If the waiver request is turned down, Newark will be asked to spend over the state cap on municipal appropriations and will have to cut services.

The council recently supported a \$522 million dollar budget with a tax cut rate of \$20.99 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Another newspaper recently quoted council president Donald Bradley as saying he "feared that the \$9 million shortfall will cost city taxpayers."

In spite of this dismal forecast, city fathers voted unanimously for their salary increases. Cuts in city services loom big as a means of reducing the budget until it is under the state cap. If, and when this happens, the voters will not be happy campers, and it is not far fetched to envision angry citizens initiating campaigns.

Mindful of his campaign pledges for fiscal responsibility, Mayor James, upon learning about the salary adjustment resolution immediately threatened to veto the measure.

The total salary package for council members will be considered considerably more than \$50,000. Councilmen in Newark have lot of "extras" includ-

ing three different phone services (at home, in their cars and their offices). Travel expenses picked up by taxpayers, food accounts in local restaurants, free automobiles, gas and telephone credit cards. Free medical insurance coverage, a pension plan and reimbursement for expenses attached to operating little city halls throughout the city.

When asked why she, as a new council member, voted for the salary increase, Councilwoman Mildred Crump said, "I think I deserve to make a fair salary. I work as a full time council member who is in her office from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day."

"In the month I've been on the job, my staff and I have helped more than a hundred citizens who have come in with complaints. We don't give them telephone numbers to call, we actually walk them through as we attempt to eliminate their problems."

Crump said her complaint during the campaign was that councilmen received too much money for part-time jobs and since she is pledged to work full time, she deserves to be paid adequately for the work she does.

When asked what attending meetings, (governmental and non-governmental) have to do with constituent work she answered "I attend meetings, forums and seminars to report on these meetings and conventions so the citizens know why I travel on their behalf."

When it was suggested she be perceived as "one of the Old Boys Network doing business as usual," she said,

"I hope people don't perceive me that way. It is certainly not my intention to be 'one of the old boys' or to be part of business as usual. I was voted in to serve people and I'm trying hard to do that in spite of how people perceive me."

When the other newcomer on the council would not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Political connections are really important.

Consider the fact that the most recent ex-officials hidden indicted and

found guilty on a variety of corruption charges have been given light sentences.

As the guys on the wrong side of the law describe it, "These jokers only got walking around time."

True, former Newark councilwoman Marie Villani's 90 days jail insured her release early enough to enjoy the summer at her shore home. In the case of Tommy D'Alesio who was convicted of 12 counts, including extortion, money-laundering and conspiracy, consider the fact all he faces when he's sentenced later this summer is a maximum 51 months in prison and probably won't get the maximum.

This ought to make Gary Harris, Rev. Ralph T. Grant, Jr. and Larrie and Fred Stalks feel better as all are convicted on charges pending against them.

Given his penchant for nationalism, one would have guessed Ramon Rivera, executive director and founder of La Casa de Don Pedro in Newark would return to his native Puerto Rico sooner or later.

Ramon came to Newark in the late 1960s as the community was preparing to riot to get rights and equal justice for black citizens.

He was a member of the New

York based activist group, The Young Lords and he was full of the spirit of revolution and rebellion. His mark of identification was his familiarity with the Black Panthers, the United Black Brothers (of Newark) and the black belt of the Young Lords he wore at a jaunty angle.

Rivera was probably the first Puerto Rican to focus attention on the group's rapid growth in Newark. That became most obvious when he founded La Casa de Don Pedro, the city's first non-profit service organization for Latinos.

La Casa has come a long way from those early years and Ramon is credited not only with giving it life and meaning and longevity but with making it a stable force in the community through its help to the needy of Newark's Hispanics and other ethnic disadvantaged communities.

Through the years Rivera has experienced a personal growth that has made him a force for change on many fronts. He returned to school and earned an undergraduate and graduate degree in Social Work.

He will be missed in Newark and New Jersey. Although he is considerably quieter than in his flaming youth, he was and continued to be one of a kind.

Clergy calls for justice

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Too many of our people died that we may have the right to vote. They're making a mockery of the election process."

Wheeler vowed that the party will not succeed. "You will not steal this election and the rights of voters will be protected," he stated.

Wheeler also responded to charges made by State Senator and West Ward councilman, who has accused the black community of dividing the black community and of stating that black political officials were corrupted. Rice also stated that the clergy was trying to force black po-

litical officials to give their votes to African American office runners based on race.

"We have never said that Black leadership was bad or corrupted. The problem that we have with Black leaders is not that they're bad but their failure to stand up for us," Wheeler said. "They don't stand up for us because we don't hold them accountable. From this day forth we will hold you accountable," he continued.

Wheeler also said that the clergy never tried to influence politicians votes. "What we questioned is your judgment." He cited as example the African American candidate who backed the election of Tom D'Alesio who allegedly stated that he could not stand being in a room full of black folks. Yet they cannot support an African American candidate who is qualified and just as good. It's judgment not choice that we criticize."

Wheeler continued to say that political leaders who look like "dicks" seemed to be "conscience." He said that they seemed to be in a state of unconsciousness. He cited African American leaders as the group to vote against the Quality Education Act which would have sent a large sum of money to urban schools.

Scheduled Keynote Speaker Reverend Ben Chavis, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was replaced by representative Walter Fields who said that Chavis was called away on business and was not able to participate. Fields added that Chavis sent his full-hearted support to the clergy and Captain Cooper.

"We are here tonight to tell the Essex County Democratic Organization there will be no tomorrow if you don't do right by us today," Fields said. Fields urged Essex residents to register and vote. He also reminded

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Black leaders rebuke NAACP's attack on media

WASHINGTON, DC—Black community leaders and activists are taking exception against the media made by prominent black leaders at the recent national convention of the National Association for the NAACP.

In his keynote speech to the convention, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Chavis attacked the media for presenting a distorted and negative image of the black community. Earlier, in the convention report, Maxine Waters blamed what she termed "members of the white press" for criticism of Chavis' attempts to reach out to Nation's Islamic Muslims, Farrakhan, and for reporting that the NAACP is \$2.7 million in debt.

However, Bill Cleveland, a member of the Alexandria, Virginia City Council, notes that NAACP member and a black elected official, but

would never have known about the debt and these meetings if the media had not reported on them. The meetings were by "invitation only" and he hasn't been able to find out why Louis Farrakhan was invited and a black elected official like myself wasn't.

"It seems funny that the leadership now wants to fight the press. When they were getting favorable coverage they seemed to enjoy the limelight," Cleveland stated, noting that Chavis has argued that the media was historically sympathetic to the organization. "Now when they're being criticized, they want to throw cold water on it."

Horace Cooper, an African American and Capitol Hill staffer, argues that "the NAACP has squandered its stewardship of the civil rights move-

ment. As a major political organization supposedly acting for the public good, it has to expect public scrutiny."

"Is the media to blame for Mr. Chavis' meeting with Louis Farrakhan? For holding summits with the gangs that are running the black community through violence and drugs? For driving the NAACP into debt? The media has a responsibility to bring these errors in judgment to the public attention, so that people can judge whether it's a credible spokesman for African Americans' best interests."

"In a way, Chavis is right, but for the wrong reasons. The problem isn't that the media is criticizing the NAACP, it's that the media have given the NAACP a free ride until now, ignoring alternative voices and opinions in the black community."



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NOV THRU AUGUST

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NOV THRU AUGUST 19

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JULY THRU AUGUST 24

MOUNTAINSIDE—Registration is still being accepted for summer workshops at the Trailside Nature & Science Center. There are programs scheduled for all ages. For more info, or brochure call 908-789-3670.

JULY 13-AUG. 24

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Trailside Nature & Science Center will host seven "Wednesday Mornings." They will have puppets, magic, music, drama and films. 1:30 p.m. Groups rates available. For more info, call 908-789-3670.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

MOUNTAINSIDE—A new play, When Birds Tell Why, presented by Creative Theatre will be performed at the Trailside Nature and Science Center at 1:30 p.m. for ages 4-12. For more info, contact Betty Ann Kelly at 908-789-3670 or Joe Montgomery at 908-527-4746.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Forming links to solve problems

by Kaylin Dines

"Hey man, know what I don't understand? Why drugs had to be in life's plan. You know your life, can never be extended. Puttin' things in your body that were never intended to be in there in the first place. It's genocide of the whole human race."

This is an excerpt from the Hip Hop Cop's latest release entitled 911 The Hip Hop Cop (Get High on This).

This was one of the many messages Essex County High School students received during a recent teen conference conducted by the Essex County chapter of Links, Inc. According to Links member Susan R. Jenkins, "Today, when young

people are exposed to such serious health and social problems as well as negative images, it is imperative that they are presented with positive avenues of expressions and solutions."

Workshops were designed to assist students in preparing for college, understanding current health, social and legal issues, learning more about the African heritage, and building self-esteem. Each workshop was named after a popular song to attract participants' attention. Workshops included "It All Comes Down to Money"—Early financial planning, money smart; "Stop the Madness"—Youth and the law "Heal the World"—Health issues; "UNITY"—African Heritage and "I'm Outstanding"—Boosting self-esteem.

The "Stop the Madness" workshop was organized by Gary Griffin, a seven-year veteran of the East-Orange Police Department, who uses his musical rapping talents to convey a positive message to youth.

"Society teaches you to learn not how to earn," said officer Griffin, who elaborated on the overwhelming lack of self respect that today's youth openly display. Griffin stated that he did not understand why people wear T-shirts which display phrases such as "Don't Ask Me For..." and "I Hate a Begging X or Y", with full knowledge that they are being sold to, but not manufactured by African Americans.

"You can't be like Mike...Mike ain't Mike, it is easier to be struck by

lightening or win the Pick 6, than it is to get into professional sports," said Griffin.

According to Michael Burton, organizer of the self esteem workshop, today's youth need to "weed out the toxic people...develop a good support system...develop a positive attitude...concentrate on their strengths...don't try to be perfect...don't be afraid of failure...and stop the negative mind feeding."

Irvington High School sophomore Tameka Campbell stated, "I plan to study more about my heritage because in school they don't teach about my culture."

Tasheena Abdulmajied, a sophomore at Clifford J. Scott High School in East Orange not-

ed, "Dr. Gloria Essoka's African Heritage workshop explained that we are the same people, yet worlds apart." After describing the workshop as awesome, the young woman stated, "while we are here eating, chilling and laughing, there are people in Africa dying and nothing is being done about it."

"I think the conference focused a little too much on racial issues. You see and hear it every day," said East Orange High senior Volcy Ricardo.

Irvington High junior, Melissa James said she was triggered by the idea of "teens coming together to learn how to resolve some of the problems in the community and school."

ACT-SO participants advance to nationals

CHICAGO—The NAACP's ACT-SO, Afro-Academic Cultural Technical and Scientific Olympics, program recently hosted it's 1994 NJ State Conference, where students compete in categories such as humanities, performing arts, science, and visual arts, which are further broken down into sub-categories.

The ACT-SO program is designed to recognize the academic achievements among black students in the promotion of classroom and afterschool excellence among black students.

Students must be of African American descent, enrolled in grades 9-12, be a U.S. citizen and able to demonstrate a genuine interest in one of the twenty-four categories to compete in the ACT-SO program. In addition there are letters and essays which need to be submitted.

The following students received either gold, silver or bronze medals in the conference and are eligible to compete in the Nationals which will be held in Chicago:

Central/South Competition
Lakewood
Eugene Rhodes-dance
Metuchen/Edison
Marisha Mitchell-original essay and Alicia Young-dance
New Brunswick
William Adams-instrumental-contemporary, Maviyah Husbands-vocal contemporary and oratory, Vernice Peacock-drawing, Sakiya Slayton-instru-

mental classical, Khalilah Stewart-playwriting, Aliya Walker-sculpture and Zalenda Yrile-dramatics

Plainfield
Yasheka Diddy-physics energy, Melanique Kresley-physics electron, Anthony Nelson-Music composition and instrumental contemporary, and Thaddeus Pinckney-biology and chemistry

So. Burlington County
Michael Carter-sculpture, Dominique Cog-instrumental classical, Richard Harris-drawing and Charles Young Jr.-dramatics

So. Gloucester County
Alicia Andrews-photography, Alandria Lee-original essay, Emerson Lewis-computer science and Michele Witches-vocal contemporary

Toms River
Melissa Dupree-poetry and dance, Sherry Gaines-original essay, Sharon Redd-playwriting and Danielle Rose-oratory

Northen Competition
Bertan
Laurel Green-original essay
Montclair
Sharonna Bailey-vocal contemporary, Michelle Denning-playwriting and Sonny Veranitus-drawing.

Morris County
Johnathan Boyd-poetry, Chelsea Hazelwood-drawing, Paris Mann-dance, Afria Mirakz-oratory, and Alicia Starnes-photography and Nailah Taylor-vocal contemporary

Newark
Jessie Alexander-mathematics,

Rashan Almeida-vocal contemporary, Aquella Bell-playwriting, Natalie Davis-architecture, Kim Ellis-sculpture Josiah Lawrence-film/video, Kanu Mimy-dance, Timothy Simmons-drawing, Nikita Steele-poetry, Nicole Tucker-original essay and poetry, Marvin Waerman-computer science and Kayved Zahir-photography

Pateron
Patricia Boyd-dance, Cornell Fields-music composition and instrumental contemporary, Miesha Hamm-dramatics and Courtney McCain-instrumental classical

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Andrea Johnson-instrumental classical and oratory, Rodney Tullis-oratory.



N.J. ACT-SO participants gather in Chicago to compete in final competitions

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BETTER LIFE NEWS

The art of problem solving

by Robert N. Taylor

Solving problems both large and small—need not be as difficult a task as many of us allow the process to become. There is an art and a science to solving problems. Master these techniques and there will be virtually no problem—from losing weight to building financial security to resolving family disputes—anything you will not be able to solve.

There are several techniques to master. The following are the basics of effective, problem-solving thinking.

1. Addition and subtraction are the twin tools of change: Solving a problem is a process of bringing about change. And all change is brought about by either addition or subtraction. Thus, when first confronting a problem, your point of departure must be to ask "What must I add to and/or subtract from this situation in order to change it for the better?" In order to change anything, you must either add to it or subtract from it. Deciding exactly what to add or subtract will be your starting point.

2. Attack a problem with its opposite: When deciding what to add to or subtract from a situation in order to change it, you start by asking yourself, "What is the opposite of this situation and how do I bring more of it into my life?" Attacking with the opposite is the best way to negate the negative in a situation. If someone wants to argue and scream, they will not do it for long if you remain calm and deliberate. But in order to negate the negative, your attack must be at least equal in strength.

3. Be dialectical in all things: The law of dialectics states in part that everything which exists has two causes. Nothing is caused by just one

thing, be it a problem or a solution. The ancient Chinese stated this law as the yin and the yang of life—the strong force and the weak force. In seeking solutions to problems, identify the two primary forces which cause the problem to exist. There will always be two primary forces. Further—and this is very important—the two primary factors which cause a problem to exist will in some way be opposites of one another. You enhance the possible factor by adding to it and you attack the negative factor by seeking ways to subtract from it.

4. Brutal honesty: Effective thinkers must worship the truth and effective problem solving requires accurate information. For most people this is a problem because they do not want to hear the truth. They only

want to hear that which pleases them. The science of problem solving necessitates that you be brutally honest with yourself about what the facts are. To take action based on incorrect information is pure folly.

5. Look for the causes of the superficial: Superficial thinking is the major reason very few problems in America are ever solved. Poor thinkers worship the superficial because it is easy to think on that level. But that which is apparent is almost never the cause of it. The real causes of any problem—be it social or personal—lie beyond the superficial. Actually, the superficial is just the outward manifestation of the problem. And you can never solve a problem by just attacking its outward manifestations. True problem solving requires thinking, not just emotional responses to superficial irritations.

DID YOU KNOW?

by Robert N. Taylor

...that Forbes magazine has released its latest list of American billionaires. And according to the list, the wealthiest person in America is Warren Edward Buffett of Omaha. Nebraska with a net worth of \$7.9 billion. The primary source of his wealth is the stock market.

...according to the most recent Census Bureau data, there are 36,000 Americans who are 100-years-old or older. And although blacks make up only 12 percent of the total U.S. population, they account for 17 percent of those who are 100 or older.

...about 37 percent of U.S. households have dogs. That totals over 53 million pets. And those pets administer \$85,000 bites a year. According to the Centers For Disease Control And Prevention, the dog most likely to bite is the German Shepherd while the dog least likely to bite is a Labrador retriever.

...that despite all the medical research, anti-smoking campaigns and the billions of dollars spent since the nation first declared war on cancer in 1971, the cancer case rate in the U.S. is actually 18 percent higher today than it was in 1971. At the current rate, one of every three Americans will get some type of cancer during his or her lifetime.

...that this week's favorite quote comes from the ancient Chinese warrior-scholar Sun Tzu: "Most people enter a battle and then try to figure out a way to win. But the wise man first figures how to win and then enters battle."

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Health Calendar

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EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
IRVINGTON—Free Baby Clinic, Afternoon's, Held at the Irvington General Health Dept. For newborn to 5-year-olds. YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT 398-6652

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
NEWARK—Free confidential AIDS counseling and testing, Mon-Fri, 9-4 p.m. Sat, 9-4 p.m. Newark Community Health Centers. Call 201-585-0355 for appointment, or Plainfield Health Center at 908-733-6401.

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth Center for Planned Parenthood of Greater North Jersey is offering a low-cost cancer screening for women over 40 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide pap test, cervical and breast exam and blood pressure check. Appointments only, call 908-351-5384.

TUESDAY AUGUST 23

IRVINGTON—Irvington General Hospital encourages all female residents 18 and over to have annual breast exams. If you have not had a breast exam or pap smear in the last year please contact 201-399-6652 for an appointment.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19

CLARK—Dr. Thomas Gullino of Professional Dental Association, PA will be giving implant presentations at 6:15 p.m. To reserve a space call 908-574-0200.

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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

Billboard

AUGUST 3

NEW YORK—Barbadian artist Sylvan Auliyne presents a showcase exhibit, "Images Of Barbados," highlighting scenes of the island painted with watercolors and oils on silk and canvas. 6-9 p.m. at the Stanhope Hotel, 266 5th Ave. (81st St.). RSVP 212-213-0909.

AUGUST 4-28

METUCHEN—Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah! returns to The Forum Theater with show times Thursday through Saturdays 8:00 p.m. and Sundays 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-548-0582.

AUGUST 4-31

BOUND BROOK—Artist Delore McGill will be exhibiting a new series of paintings at the Palmira Gallery. For more information and times of the exhibits call 908-302-0151.

AUGUST 5-28

SOMERSET—The Thirties musical "Ain't Misbehavin'" will be performed at the Villagers Theatre. Showtimes on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. For tickets and info, call 908-873-2710.

AUGUST 5-28

TRENTON—"BABES IN ARMS" opens at the Mill Hill Playhouse on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Special rates are available. For more info, 609-384-8261.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

WATCHUNG—Acclaimed artist Roni Robles joins forces with jazz and classical pianist Vince DiMura in collaboration at the Watchung Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. Seats may be reserved by calling 908-763-0150, leave message if phone is unattended.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

ATLANTIC CITY—The Grand, a Bally's Casino Resort features George Carlin at 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

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Ain't Misbehavin' ready to roll

SOMERSET—Director Sherry McLaughlin-Ryan is busily putting her cast through their paces as the Villagers Theatre prepares to open *Ain't Misbehavin'*. Although the opening is rapidly approaching, the cast and crew are far from nervous.

Thanks to lots of hard work, and lots of talent the show is ahead of schedule. Featuring the songs made famous by Thomas "Fats" Waller, *Ain't Misbehavin'* is a celebration of music and dance straight out of the thirties. If you enjoy the era of the

Cotton Club, honky tonk, stride piano and classic thirties swing, you're going to love *Ain't Misbehavin'*!

Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Student and senior citizen discounts are available at our box office on Fridays and Sundays. Opening night is on August 5 and the show will run through August 28th. For tickets and information please call 908-873-2710 to reserve your seats now.

Celebrating our mothers' kitchen



CHICAGO—Favorite recipes from Dionne Warwick, Patti LaBelle, Rosa Parks and other celebrities are featured in *Celebrating Our Mothers' Kitchens*, a new cookbook developed by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) in collaboration with Kraft General Foods. The cookbook was introduced at a recent reception for the fifth annual Chicago Black Expo, and features 200 easy-to-prepare recipes. Guests at the Mayor's reception sampled several dishes prepared from the cookbook's recipes. Pictured here are Dr. Dorothy I. Height (left), President and Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Negro Women, and Yvonne Kilpatrick, Manager of Ethnic Marketing, Kraft General Foods. *Celebrating Our Mothers' Kitchens* will be available nationally at bookstores, local chapters of the National Council of Negro Women and selected grocers. Proceeds from the book will help establish the National Centers for African-American Women in Washington, D.C.

Mischief loves company

They walk the streets unafraid. They live by their own rules. You may not see them, but they're everywhere hatching plots, exchanging secret messages, meeting in lonely, ramshackle buildings. And trouble follows them like a trail of breadcrumbs.

They're *The Little Rascals* and they're back for more mischief and laughs in a brand new feature length comedy. Universal Pictures and King World present *The Little Rascals*, based on the longrunning comedies created by Hal Roach. Director/co-writer Penelope Spheeris (Wayne's World, The Beverly Hillsbillies) brings a whole new generation of Rascals to movie theatres, recapturing the sense of innocent fun and unabashed pandemonium that made the original series a classic.

Like the series that inspired it, the contemporary version of *The Little Rascals* is the kind of adventure every kid yearns for, and every adult wishes he or she could have: a band of ragtag kids making their way through a seemingly adultless world, finding ingenious solutions for their uncannily grown-up problems.

And there is no shortage of

trouble for *The Little Rascals* this time around.

"At least three generations have some familiarity with *The Little Rascals*," says director Spheeris. "Creating new Rascals was a tricky assignment. We felt it was important to honor the timeless qualities of the original as well as to give contemporary audiences kids they can identify with."

Icon pioneer Hal Roach—producer of silent comedies for Laurel & Hardy and Harold Lloyd who conceived the series in 1922. Although other comedy shorts featured child actors, all of them were aimed exclusively at a younger audience. Roach designed his series—originally titled "Hal Roach's Rascals" for everyone, adults and kids alike.



The Little Rascals are reunited for more laughs and mischief in a comedy presented by Universal Pictures and King World. Left to right: Zachary Mabry (Porky), Kevin Jamal Woods (Stymie), Courtland Mead (Uh-huh), Elmer, Bug Hall (Alfalfa), Brittany Ashton Holmes (Darla), Petey, Travis Tedford (Spanky), Jordan Warkol (Froggy) and Ross Elliott Bagley (Buckwheat). *The Little Rascals* opens nationwide on August 5th.

Beyond virtual...back to actual

NEW YORK—The Fulcrum Gallery SoHo presents "Beyond Virtual...Back to Actual." An exhibit that chronicles the passage of time through a variety of mediums including painting and sculpture. Featuring the work of eighteen artists, the installation includes in more than 50 pieces encompassing the gallery's entire space.

"Beyond Virtual...Back to Actual" will be on display at The Fulcrum Gallery SoHo through September 2nd. The Fulcrum Gallery SoHo is located at 144 Mercer Street (between Prince and Houston Streets) New York City. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. 212-966-6848.



Artist Marilu Datoli Hartnett's, *Cross Reference*, 1990.



Artist Nathan Slate Joseph's, *If It Rains It Pours*, on display at Fulcrum Gallery.



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NEW YORK—The Black Public Relations Society of Greater New York will have general membership meetings at the Bursen-Marshaller. For more info call 212 614-4559.

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn. Newark Airport 5:30 p.m.-1 p.m. \$10/lev. \$7 before 8 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

PLAINFIELD—Consumer Credit Counseling Service of N.J., Inc. will provide counseling services at United National Bank's Community Education Center starting July 8. For more info call 201 267-4264.

PLAINFIELD—"Compliance for Small Businesses" United National Bank's Community Education Center will be offering a course on Form 19, which is necessary to legally employ people in the U.S. 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Instructor will be Tony Papasop, Supervisory Special Agent, U.S. Dept. of Immigration. For more info call Dorothy Polard 908-256-5000.

AUGUST 2 AND 9

GLASSBORO—The Management Institution of Rowan College is offering a two part Lotus AMI PRO computer training course from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. part one will be held on the second and the ninth. For more info, contact Lori A. Buckner at 609-256-4189 or Pat Aleky Strout at 609-256-4189.

THURSDAY AUGUST 4

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BUSINESS EXCHANGE

What happens when the money is gone?

by William Reed

As the main phase of O.J. Simpson's trial starts, if he is much of a family man, and the kind of all-around good guy the plurality of African Americans want him to be, he will take a firm step now to establish a multi-million dollar foundation trust fund to assure the future of the young children of his second marriage, because when the lawyers he's engaged get finished with him in this legal situation he will be poor as a church mouse.

At the time of his divorce just two years ago, Nicole Brown Simpson's lawyers estimated O.J.'s worth at \$10 million. He lived in a \$5 million residence in the exclusive Brentwood section of Los Angeles and spent summers at a \$1.9 million Laguna Beach house. Today, he is paying his defense team almost \$600-an-hour for their services. If any black man, man in America is ever going to get a fair trial it will be this superstar athlete and ad man. O.J.'s defense team includes the finest in high-profile white lawyers, F. Lee Bailey and Robert

Shapiro. Lead attorney Shapiro, who has defended scores of celebrities, made a great impression on T.V.'s global village as he paraded in \$2,000 Armani suits during the six-day preliminary hearing.

O.J. was not only black America's best example of a sports star who made a successful career transition, he is premier example for white America as well. Compared to Jim Brown, another black football Hall of Famer, O.J. made it in America to levels that Brown didn't. Most of Simpson's successful career transition came because he had a major corporate sponsor that Brown didn't, the Hertz Corporation. In his 1992 divorce hearing, O.J. was earning over \$1 million a year. Although he was pursuing an acting career and was a pitch man for companies such as Dingo boots, Foster Grant sunglasses and Wilson Sporting Goods, half, over \$500,000, of O.J.'s annual income came from Hertz.

Simpson's relationship with Hertz began back in 1975, when he was a star running back with the Buffalo Bills, and the auto-rental firm

was searching for a new way to attract customers. In 1975 when he was engaged, the conservative auto company was extremely cautious about having a black man as their corporate symbol, but after the first ads ran, and sales increased, it was realized that O.J. had made a transition that would fit him for the next 19 years. O.J. was no longer a black man, but an American superstar.

Now the superstar will lose his Hertz contract and his job as an NBC analyst, but he is still president and chief executive of O.J. Simpson Enterprises which owns real estate, restaurants and hotels. The Los Angeles riots destroyed his most profitable Pioneer Chicken franchise and forced him to close another Pioneer franchise that had been losing money. The recent California recession caused him to close three of his eight

Honey Baked Ham stores. Millions of dollars are being made by many in regards to O.J., but whether his children's financial future will be provided for is the question being made here. He will get a good defense, but neither he, nor the public should think that the courtroom time of Messrs. Bailey and Shapiro is those that Simpson will be paying for. Those of us who've watched the Perry Mason series of stories know that there are other attorneys and investigators in the defense team stable to be paid for at the same \$540-per-hour rate.

Estimates of legal costs amounting to \$6 million, or more, are common. If Bailey and Shapiro's defense wins in the fall, O.J., and them, will be worth many more millions, but if O.J. is convicted he will be a superstar of poverty status and what will that mean to the young Simpson children?

MONEY STRATEGIES

Get the most from your auto insurance

by Charles J. Givens

In today's column I will answer questions from readers concerning automobile insurance.

A woman from New York asks, "How can I reduce the premium on my car insurance?"

Raise the deductible on your policy to \$500 or more. You can save as much as 30 percent on your insurance by becoming self-insured for the first \$500.

Never file a claim for less than \$500. Because it costs several hundred dollars to process any claim, insurance companies consider small amounts an expensive nuisance. They will raise your rates or even cancel your policy if you file more than a couple of small claims.

Shop around to save up to 25 percent on auto insurance premiums. Different insurance companies offer lower premiums. And don't forget to ask about all available discounts.

When the value of your car drops below \$2,000, drop the collision and

comprehensive coverage.

Drop extra coverage such as towing, car rental. Your best "no cost" insurance for these needs is a no-annual fee credit card. With a \$1,000 to \$2,000 credit limit, you have the cash available but unlike premiums, the credit card costs nothing unless you use it.

A reader from Iowa asks, "What types of coverage should I include on my auto insurance?"

You should carry bodily injury liability, property damage liability, and collision and comprehensive. You must also carry any insurance required by your state.

A man from Illinois asks, "What is the correct amount of property damage liability I should carry on my car insurance?"

Because of the high cost of repairing and the possibility of multiple car damages, you should have at least \$50,000 in property damage liability.

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UCNB reports \$4.92 second quarter earnings

UNION—Union Central National Bank has recently reported record net income of \$2,053,000 for the six months ended June 30, 1994. This report compares with \$2,044,000 earned for the comparable six months ended June 30, 1993. Earnings per common share remained consistent at \$1.39 per share on 1,472,032 and 1,486,846 average common shares for 1994 and 1993 respectively.

For the three months ended June 30, 1994, net income remained consistent with 1993's performance. Net income for the three months ended June 30, was \$1,012,000 as compared to \$1,011,000 for the comparable three months June 1993. Earnings per share were \$.69 on 1,473,873 average shares outstanding as compared to \$.69 on 1,486,846 average share outstanding for the corresponding period in 1993.

All share and per share amounts

have been restated to reflect a 2 for 1 stock split on July 1, 1993 and a 5 percent stock dividend declared on June 16, 1994, payable on August 1, 1994.

Return on average stockholders' equity was 17.8 percent for the first six months of 1994 as compared to 20.2 percent for the comparable six months in 1993. Return on average stockholders' equity for the three months ended June 30, 1994 was 17.1 percent as compared to 19.5 percent for the comparable quarter of 1993.

Return on average total assets, based on net income was 1.29 and 1.26 percent for the second quarter and six months of 1994, compared to 1.31 percent and 1.25 percent in the year earlier periods.

At June 30, 1994, the corporation's principal subsidiary, The Union Central National Bank, had deposits of \$2,885.5 million.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF MATERIALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.
B-0522-1 PLUMBING SUPPLIES

All bid packages shall clearly indicate the specific applicable bid number and will be addressed and received on the above dates by the Contracts Division, Housing Authority of the City of Newark, 333 Passaic Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

*Pre-bid conferences will be held at the Newark Housing Authority, first floor conference room (G106)

ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1994

AT 10:00 A.M. FOR PLUMBING SUPPLIES B-0522-1

Bid Specifications for the above are available for pick up at the Contracts Division of the NHA at the said address. Telephone: (201) 430-2356.

Bid Bonds and Performance Bonds are not required for these bids. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975-127.

The NHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the event that less than three (3) bids are received at the designated time of bid opening. The NHA reserves the right to reject any partial bids, and to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

*No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the NHA.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

Harold Lucas

Executive Director

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
FOR ATTRITION UNIT VACANCY REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) will receive sealed bids for the following materials:

ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994 AT 10:00 A.M.
B-0523-1 RANGES AND ASSOCIATED PARTS

ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1994 AT 2:00 P.M.
B-0524-1 REFRIGERATORS & ASSOCIATED PARTS

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ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1994

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES
SITEWORK AND UNDERGROUND PIPING IMPROVEMENTS
AT NJ 13-2 VREELAND VILLAGE

RFP #3

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) is inviting qualified Architectural/Engineering Firms to submit proposals to plan and design site work and underground piping improvements at their facility NJ-13-2 Vreeland Village.

The proposals will be opened at 12:00 noon prevailing time on AUGUST 24, 1994 in the Conference Room of the Administration Building located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07075. No Late Proposals will be accepted. Interested firms may obtain specifications at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, NJ 07075 or by calling G. M. Russo at (201) 365-6347.

A voluntary pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 AM on AUGUST 10, 1994.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for replacement of sanitary sewer line, also, new rough plumbing for lavatories & concrete work at NJ 13-1 Bear Village, 23 Aspen Place.

The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Wednesday, August 17, 1994 in the conference room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre bid conference will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of The Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or at the Pre-Bid Conference or by calling G. M. Russo at (201) 365-6347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualifications (where provided for by the Authority and applicable) bidding documentation and other documentation are submitted. Corporate affiliates, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of award.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via the "United States mail are required to have said mail delivered prior to appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid Affidavit, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and/or telex copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier check to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

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All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contract. There shall be no labor for fulfilling the contract also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check and/or bid bond.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

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G. M. RUSSANO

PURCHASING AGENT

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

The Housing Authority of Plainfield is requesting proposals from qualified independent Auditors (IA) licensed in the State of New Jersey, to perform a comprehensive financial audit for the 12 month period ended December 31, 1993, for its Supplemental Fund in compliance with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Independent Auditors must be able to perform both audits and be able to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984. Any qualified Independent Auditor interested, please contact Mr. Ismael Reyes, Comptroller, at the Housing Authority of Plainfield office, telephone number (908) 753-3471 to obtain the proposal and scope of service. Proposals will be received up to 5:00 P.M. on Friday, August 19, 1994, at the Housing Authority of Plainfield office, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the proposal package. The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted, and to waive any informalities thereto, and to request additional information from all proposers.

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RICHARD D. FOX

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for Labor, Material, Tools and Equipment For Plastering, Spackling, Sheetrocking, Carpentry For Various General Repair Services, On Demand As Needed, For A Period Of One Year.

The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Tuesday, August 18, 1994 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre bid conference will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or by calling (201) 365-6347.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via the "United States mail" are required to have said mail delivered prior to appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid Affidavit, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photocopies and/or telex copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

Bonding will be required for this bid.

All bids must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

8/03/94

G. M. RUSSANO

PURCHASING AGENT

IRVINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

This is to advise you that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Irvington will hold a special meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 1994 at 524 Glenview Avenue, Irvington.

The purpose of said special meeting is for discussion of the evaluation, contract and performance of the Executive Director of the Irvington Housing Authority and possible litigation. Also to be discussed is Resolution for Auditor and Attorney. It is expected that a portion of said special meeting will be held in closed session.

No other notice will supersede this notice nor will any changes be made unless they are made by the Township, Acting Sheriff. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (201) 648-5213.

8/03/94

RUSSIA PRICE-THOMPSON

ACTING CHAIR

INVITATION TO BID

A Bid Committee of the City of Plainfield will receive sealed bids at a meeting to be held in the Library of City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 1994 for:

#2 Diesel Fuel Heating Oil

One 1995 twenty cubic yard refuse packer truck with radio

Two 1994 four wheel drive dump trucks with snow plow, salt spreader and radio

Specifications and proposal forms on which your bid must be submitted, are available at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061 (908) 753-3211, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The Authority reserves the right to reject any bids received any later than the time at which the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975-1-127.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects or informalities in the bids or to accept any bid as shall deem for the best interest of the City of Plainfield.

7/20/94

RICHARD V. RENGIA

PURCHASING AGENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the town of Bonton, New Jersey (BHA) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for provision of model and efficient ranges and refrigerators. It is the intent of BHA to enter into competitive negotiations based upon the results of the evaluation of submitted proposals.

The authority is a small PHA consisting of 74 units of family and elderly apartments.

The criteria for evaluating proposals will be based upon items sent forth in the RFP documents; an award will be made to the most responsible proposal which in the judgment of the PHA affords the best value to the agency and residents.

Proposals will be opened on Tuesday, August 16, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. in the administrative office of the Housing Authority of the town of Bonton, 125 Central Street, Bonton, New Jersey 07005 at which time the process of evaluation will begin. NO LATE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of the RFP at 125 Central Street, Bonton, New Jersey 07005, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or by contacting Ms. Katherine Lusk at (908) 753-3471.

All proposals must be enclosed in properly sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of firm and title of the proposal contained therein.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities.

No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days without written consent of the Authority.

7/27/94

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The Interim Director, reporting to the Director of the Teach For America Program, is responsible for the general administration of the program; community program outreach; student and university interaction; coordination of training programs for volunteers and assisting the interim Director of the Third World Center with that program's administration.

Required are a B.A. with some graduate work, administrative and professional experience with a variety of groups in academic and non-academic settings, excellent communication and organizational skills, and a strong commitment to volunteer and/or social service organizations. Availability for evening/weekend activities is preferred.

Send 2 resumes to: Office of Human Resources, Princeton University, City Hall, Princeton, NJ 08542. Attn: Reg. # 1330-DJ-NJ. Application deadline: August 15, 1994.



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Newark swim team brings home the gold

by Sherry Burrus

Twenty-seven members of The Newark Swim Team, brought home bronze, silver and gold medals and a host of ribbons after competing in the Chris Silver African-American Championship Swim Meet in Atlanta Georgia.

These youth under the supervision of Administrative Coach John L. Smith, who has been involved with the swim team since its existence, along with six other coaches Elliott Bradley, Pat Farley, Paul Burt, John Koperwhats, Rahman Ross, and Carmine Muddalena, brought home 13 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze medals to the JFK Recreational Center.

Among the team star swimmers were the team's captain Jason Collins, 14, who advanced to the Junior Olympics. Collins, who has been a member of the Newark Swim Team since he was four, brought home two gold medals, one for the 100 yard breast stroke and the other for the 50 meter free style.

However, new comer, eight year old, Owen Bynum stole the show. Bynum, who has only been swimming for a year, never swam a 50 meter distance, or practiced the 50 meter back stroke, brought home two gold medals in the 50 meter back stroke and one bronze medal.

"I was very proud because it was my very first meet. I was very nervous, but I got out of the program for a while because of his grades, but once he picked his grades back up, I put him back in, I want education to be first. When we went to Atlanta it paid off because of all the energy he has, he used in the water. I think he's going to go places because he's determined and this is what he likes to do," said Bynum's aunt and guardian, Lisa Bynum-Elliott.

In 1989-1990 They were division champions for the winter swim leg, composed of New Jersey amateur swimmers. It was the first time in the history of the U.S. that a predominantly minority team won the state championship.

"The program has flourished. We were once known as Newark's best kept secret, but that's no longer the case now. The secret is out of the bag. Newark's swim team is known city-wide, state wide, and now nationwide. Our kids have achieved on all levels," said Coach Smith.

Things haven't always been prosperous for the swim team. The 1992-

93 season was one of the team's most disastrous seasons with the loss of all but one member due to the closing of the pool for reconstruction. However, the program picked up new members as its practices were held at Rutgers' Newark Golden Dome Athletic Center. There, a swim and learn program went into effect, which made members focus on their academics. The JFK Recreational Center re-opened this summer.

The Newark Swim Team was organized in 1981 by a group of

seven parents and families. Coach Smith was one of the founding parents and president of the team and is the only original parent still involved with the team. Smith became involved as a result of his daughter's interest in swimming and as a result of a year-round swim team was formed without any city support. Today, Newark's swim team is one of 38 predominantly black swim teams in the United States.

The Chris Silver Championship Swim Meet was named in honor

of Chris Silver, the first African American to represent the United States in an international Meet, the first African American to set a world's record in the 400 yard Medley relay. All American swimmer at UCLA and founder of the minority recruitment program at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Florida.

The Newark Swim Team is accepting year around members. Interested person's should contact coach Smith at (201) 923-9228.



Members of the Newark swim team accompanied by their coaches.

Clergy calls for justice

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the crowd that they had the power and not the politicians. "An elected official is a temporary employee. With the ballots we can cast him a pink slip for poor services rendered," he said.

He reiterated that Cooper was not the issue but "at the moment he's our man." Fields said the people have spoken and their votes should be heard. "We know what we don't want, and we know what we do want. Cooper now!" Fields ended.

The clergy also released a statement to the Black Issues Convention calling for the Convention to deal with the "crisis in black leadership."

They asked that BIC confront the lack in leadership that has failed to move the black community forward the division among Black leaders and the people and failure of African American officials to open opportunities to black businesses. They cited the following as examples of the lack of good Black leadership:

- Black leaders voted to repeal the Quality Education Act taking millions of dollars from urban and predominantly black school districts.
- Failure to promote or give contracts to minority businesses in cities where blacks hold executive and legislative control.
- In Essex County, where blacks sit on the Board of Freeholders, minorities get only one fourth of one percent of all contract despite ordinances passed in 1986 requiring 25 percent of all contracts to go to minority firms.
- Failure of Essex County Black officials to provide adequate job training to youths.

"Much of the current decline in our community can be attributed to our leadership or lack of leadership," the group said.

Cardell Cooper attended the rally but waited last to comment. He thanked the clergy for standing for a cause not just because "it is political-

ly correct but because it is right."

He said that it was not about him but that "people are tired of being stepped on. People are tired of government and politicians stepping on their necks." Cooper also said that he was not there to criticize political leaders. He said they have the right to vote for whom ever they choose. However, he added that they should not duck when their constituents want answers.

Cooper noted that he was disappointed in some leaders who would put up a united public front and stab him in the back later later. "The very people that I've helped the blood on my shirt comes from those people," he said.

He applauded the clergy for not backing down on those who say that they are politicizing for him. "I would never insult the institution that we are grounded in," he said. "They are fighting for justice and fairness," Cooper continued.

Cooper said he was not afraid to fight and that he is willing to go the full distance with the public and the pulpit

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LaBelle receives keys

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